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## **\*PRESS RELEASE\***

### **Erroneously Released Offender Apprehended in Wilmington**

An inmate erroneously released Friday from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI) in Wilmington has been apprehended.

Charles H. Thomas, 40, was brought back into custody around 1 p.m. Saturday in the Rodney Square area of Wilmington after a collective search by Department of Correction (DOC), State Police and Wilmington Police officers.

"Through a successful collaboration of agencies, this situation has fortunately been resolved," said DOC Commissioner Carl Danberg. "I greatly appreciate the effort put forth by the members of the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT), Safe Streets, Delaware State Police and Wilmington Police."

Thomas arrived at HRYCI on January 14 facing new charges with a total bail set at \$108,000. He was erroneously released due to a staff error.

After being processed back into DOC custody, Thomas will be transported to the maximum security area at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center near Smyrna.